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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 510.

FROM

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
*Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In forwarding, for the consideration of the Government of India and of the Secretary of State, the accompanying Proceedings of this Government regarding the pension to be granted to Chooria Canaren, late 1st Class Deputy Collector, I am to convey the earnest recommendation of this Government that, as a special case, he may be allowed a pension equal to full pay, or Rupees 600 per mensem.

Pension Department, dated 13th December 1870, No. 706.

2. Chooria Canaren's services, which are detailed in the papers recorded in the Proceedings, have been conspicuous and most valuable; and, in former years, would, doubtless, have ensured him a jaghire of value equal to full pay with reversion to his posterity. He well merits the utmost liberality of Government, and His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that the Government of India will endorse the recommendation of this Government, which, they may be assured, does not go beyond what Canaren's services warrant.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
21*st December* 1870.

*Chief Secretary.*

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*Proceedings of Government, Pension Department.*

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1870, No. 478.

From the Collector of Malabar, dated 26th August 1870.

Report of the Examiner of Claims, dated 4th October 1870, No. 7155.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1870, No. 6380.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 9th September 1870, No. 309.

I have the honour to forward, herewith, the application of C. Canaren, late Deputy Collector of Malabar, for pension.

2. He has brought forward claims for a higher rate of pension than the regulated amount, based on his services rendered to Government on three different occasions; first, in connexion with the deportation of the Teramal Tangal to Arabia; secondly, in regard to the revision of settlement accounts throughout Malabar; and, thirdly, in respect of the sale of the escheat lands of Malabar.

3. So far as my knowledge of the late Deputy Collector goes, I can testify to his long and valuable services, but I have no special acquaintance with the

claims above enumerated, the occasions having arisen previous to my connexion with the district.

4. As, however, the second Member of the Board is fully acquainted with the circumstances, it is unnecessary for me to go farther into the matter.

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Enclosure No. 1.—Application for pension.

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Enclosure No. 2.—Statement of service.

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Enclosures Nos. 3 and 4.—Testimonials.

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The Board resolve to recommend Government to recognise C. Canaren's special services in a special manner.

2. His resolute courage and pre-eminent ability were invaluable in the troublous times of the Moplah outrages, and his long career has been honourable and distinguished throughout. Latterly, he has been employed on exceptional duties, and his services have resulted in exceptional gain to the State.

3. The Board request the attention of Government to a memorandum appended to these Proceedings, in which their second Member has recorded his views on this subject. They are supported by long personal knowledge of C. Canaren and Malabar.

4. There has never been a case in this Presidency in which the merits of an Uncovenanted Civilian demanded special recognition so strongly.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
*Acting Secretary.*

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Memorandum.

In this letter, the late Deputy Collector of Malabar submits reasons for granting to him, as a special case, a rate of pension in excess of that allowed by the rules on the following grounds :—

I.—Special State services in connexion with the Moplah disturbances in Malabar in negotiating the peaceable removal of the Teramal Tangal, the High Priest who instigated these atrocities in 1852.

II.—His services in effecting the revision of the holdings and adjustment of the revenue demand throughout the district.

III.—His services in the valuation and settlement of the escheated estates of Malabar.

2. On the first claim, I can only write in very earnest support. I myself conducted the inquiry into the terrible massacre at Mattanur, in the Cottayam Taluq, on the 5th of January 1852, which led to the resolution to remove the High Priest from Malabar at all cost; and I was in intimate and confidential communication with the late Mr. Conolly in respect to all that took place at the time. It was his deep conviction, and it is my own conscientious belief, that C. Canaren's extraordinary—it is difficult to picture or even credit the utter terror that prevailed in the Hindoo mind in Malabar at that time—courage, ability, and tact in inducing (with the support of Atra Coyah and other Mussulmans with whom he had influence) the Teramal Tangal to leave the country of his own accord, saved much anarchy and bloodshed, and very costly military operations. C. Canaren's high character for integrity and impartiality alone commended him to the fanatical ascetic at a time, and under circumstances which would have precluded his negotiating with any other Hindoo whatever on such a matter. The whole negotiation with the Tangal and Atra Coyah was conducted throughout by C. Canaren. The Tangal was at the time surrounded by several thousand fanatical Mussulmans, who would to a man have thrown away life in his cause.

*N. B.*—On this subject it is only necessary to refer to the printed correspondence on Moplah outrages for 1852, Vol. I.

3. C. Canaren's part in thus procuring the removal of the deified High Priest made him (C. Canaren) an object of fanatical detestation on the part of the rude Moplah population for years, and his life was menaced.

4. I am satisfied that had Mr. Conolly lived, he would have urged a special reward for these services. It could not be done at the time, as Mr. Strange's commission led to a long period of unfavourable discussion, and Mr. Conolly's tragical end removed the one who best knew and most thankfully acknowledged his worth.

5. I may mention that this was not the only occasion on which the services of C. Canaren, in respect to Moplah disturbances, were most useful. During the serious outbreaks of 1849 (Manjery), 1851 (Colatur), and 1852 (Mattanur), in all of which I was more or less engaged, C. Canaren's advice and aid were very serviceable, and again, I believe, at the time of Mr. Conolly's assassination.

6. There is no doubt that C. Canaren's life was more than once in danger, and that his destruction was intended at the time Mr. Conolly was assassinated.

7. I think he ought not to be allowed to leave the service of the State without recognition of these invaluable, though now almost forgotten services.

8. II.—The second special service urged was more in the ordinary course of business. It consisted in revising the puttahs and the revenue demand of the whole district. C. Canaren was the chief mover in the matter, and, by dint of great toil, effected a settlement which has given great satisfaction to the people, and resulted in a large increase of revenue. He deserves all the credit he claims. I was Acting Collector at the time it was brought forward.

9. III.—The credit of the last important service noted, viz., the settlement of escheated estates, is entirely due to C. Canaren. He made the first tentative valuations, and the settlement of the Bettatnad escheats was undertaken at his earnest recommendation. It was so admirably carried out by him that the estimated proceeds of Rupees 60,000 grew under his hands to a realized result of about Rupees 3,00,000. C. Canaren was then entrusted with the recovery and settlement of all Malabar escheats, from which, if my recollection serves me aright, Rupees 4,00,000 were expected. The total realizations have exceeded Rupees 30,00,000.

10. The services of C. Canaren in this respect are so well known to Government, and have so often been approvingly noticed, that I need say little. But I must take an opportunity of recording my conviction—for I had large experience of the work and of the opportunities it afforded during my settlement of the Chenat Nair escheats in 1848-49—that these results are almost entirely due to the great personal ability and perseverance of C. Canaren and his unassailable integrity. Had C. Canaren been so minded, he might have shown very creditable and unexpected results, and made an enormous fortune himself, without exciting suspicion or running any risk of detection.

11. I think that this service should be suitably acknowledged.

12. I have been personally acquainted with C. Canaren's career since 1847, and I must record my testimony that I have met with no native official in my long service in whom are associated equal strength of character and ability with such unimpeachable integrity and bold honesty of purpose.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
*2nd Member, Board of Revenue.*

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*Order, 13th December* 1870, *No.* 706.

Chooria Canaren, late 1st Class Deputy Collector in the Malabar District, entered the Government service in 1829, and on the 31st December 1869 had served for forty years, five months, and twenty-nine days. Of this period, the first five years were rendered before twenty-two years of age. A break occurred in his service in 1843-44, which is represented to have been twenty-one days; but which, it appears to Government, must be considered to have been longer. On the abolition of the auxiliary Court of Tellicherry in 1843, Canaren, who was Sheristadar, took up, as a temporary arrangement pending the return of the permanent incumbent, the post of Sheristadar to the new Civil Court, and held this acting appointment

for eight months and one day. On the return of the permanent incumbent, he spent the twenty-one days above referred to in the journey from Tellicherry to Calicut to take up the post of Acting Sheristadar of the subordinate Court, during the absence of Ittirarapu Menon, acting as District Moonsiff of Nudunganad. This individual having been confirmed on the 1st December 1845, Canaren was then confirmed as Sheristadar. It is held that, as Ittirarapu Menon counted the whole period as service as *District Moonsiff*, Canaren is to be considered to have acted in a full vacancy. The Government observe that, if Ittirarapu Menon had been acting in a full vacancy, as to which point, however, nothing is said, it might follow that Canaren would be entitled to count the period in question; but, as the latter lost his appointment in the auxiliary Court of Tellicherry on its abolition, and as the exclusion of the whole period from the 15th September 1843 till the 1st December 1845 will, therefore, not invalidate his claim to pension, but simply reduce his qualifying service to thirty-two years, six months, and sixteen days, the question is immaterial.

2. Under the ordinary rules, Canaren is entitled to a pension of Rupees 300 per mensem, but the Government are of opinion that, in his case, there are strong grounds for recommending to the Government of India that a special pension should be granted.

3. In their Proceedings, 28th October 1870, No. 6380, the Board of Revenue recommend that Canaren's service should be recognised in a special manner. Appended to the Proceedings is a memorandum by Mr. W. Robinson, second Member of the Board, who has had long and intimate acquaintance with Canaren and the Malabar District. In the memorandum, Mr. Robinson bears strong testimony to the excellent service rendered by Canaren in (1) procuring the peaceful removal of the Moplah Priest called the Teramal Tangal, on which occasion his life was more than once in danger; (2) in effecting a revised settlement of the revenue of the Malabar District, which has given great satisfaction to the people, and resulted in a large increase of revenue; and (3) in the recovery and settlement of the Malabar escheats, whereby a sum of more than Rupees 30,00,000 has been realized for Government—a result almost entirely due to C. Canaren's great personal ability, perseverance, and unassailable integrity. Besides these special services, the testimonials possessed by C. Canaren show, that, in the transaction of his ordinary duties, he brought the same qualities to bear. He rose from the insignificant situation of Jail Goomastah on Rupees 12 per mensem, to the position of 1st Class Deputy Collector on Rupees 600.

4. The Government have received with much pleasure Mr. Robinson's warm testimony in Canaren's favour. They themselves know his good service; and resolve to forward the papers to the Government of India with the strong recommendation of this Government that C. Canaren may be granted a special pension of full pay, or Rupees 600 per mensem. Meanwhile, the pension of Rupees 300, to which he is strictly entitled, will be paid with effect from 1st January 1870.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
*Under Secy. to Govt.*

Exd. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

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From

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Financial Department.

Dated 21st December 1870.

Recd.

No. 510.

Enclosure.

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Forwarding Proceedings of Government regarding the pension to be granted to Chooria Canaren, late 1st Class Deputy Collector in the Malabar District, with a strong recommendation that, as a special case, a pension equal to full pay may be granted to him.

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Financial Department.

No. 570.

To

The Secretary to the Government

of India.

Financial Department.

Sir,

Pension Dept. 9/13 Dec 70 No 706.

In forwarding for the consideration of the Government of India, & of the Secretary of State, the accompanying Proceedings of this Government regarding the pension to be granted to Chooria Canaran, late 1st Class Deputy Collector, I am to convey the earnest recommendation of this Government that, as a special case, he may be allowed a pension equal to full pay or Rs 600 per mensem.

2 Chooria Canaran's services, which are detailed

in the papers recorded in
the proceedings have been
conspicuous & most valua-
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doubtless have ensured
him a jagir of value equal
to full pay with reversion
to his posterity. He well
merits the utmost liberali-
ty of Government; and
His Excellency the Governor
in Council trusts that the
Government of India will
endorse the recommendation
of this Govt, which, they may
be assured, does not go
beyond what Canara's
services warrant.

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21 Dec/70

Pension of Covenanted Civil Servants Deputy Collectors

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The Secretary to the

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Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Financial Department.

Dated Decr. 31. 1870.

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Forwarding Proc. of Govt. regarding the pension to be granted to Chooria Canaran late 1st Class Dt. Collr. in the Malabar Dt. with a strong recommendation that, as a special case, a pension equal to full pay may be granted to him.